

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 1. (Previously Presented) A business accessory having an exterior pocket along an
2 exterior cover comprising:
 - 3 a flap joined along a base edge to the exterior cover, a pair of side edges unjoined
4 to the exterior surface wherein each of the side edges are tapered between a wider length
5 at the base edge and a narrower length at the front edge, and a front edge adapted to re-
6 ceive documents therethrough; and
 - 7 a pair of elastic strips connected between each side edge near the front edge and a
8 location on the business accessory so that portions of the side edge, between the base
9 edge and the elastic are free of attachment with the business accessory, the elastic strips
10 generating tension and being constructed and arranged to maintain a holding friction
11 against the documents, and the front edge and pair of side edges being unattached to the
12 exterior cover except by the pair of elastic strips wherein at least one of the side edges
13 has a recessed shape that reveals the documents within the pockets in an area between the
14 base edge and the elastic strip.
- 1 2. (Cancelled)
- 1 3. (Previously Presented) The pocket as set forth in claim 1 wherein the elastic
2 strips each comprise an elastic webbing.
- 1 4. (Original) The pocket as set forth in claim 3 wherein the business accessory
2 comprises a folio having a pair of opposing covers and wherein the pocket is located on
3 at least one of the opposing covers, the base edge being joined adjacent to a spine that
4 also joins the opposing covers.
- 1 5. (Original) The pocket as set forth in claim 4 wherein each elastic webbing has a
2 width in a direction taken between the base edge and the front edge of less than one half

3 a length of each of the side edges taken between the base edge and the front edge.

1 6. (Previously Presented) The pocket as set forth in claim 1 wherein the pocket is
2 attached to the exterior cover of either a padfolio or a portfolio.

1 7. (Original) The pocket as set forth in claim 6 wherein the side edges taper from a
2 wider dimension at the base edge to a narrower dimension at the front edge.

1 8. (Original) The pocket as set forth in claim 1 wherein flap includes a patch having
2 a decoration adjacent to the front edge.

1 9. (Cancelled)

1 10. (Original) The pocket as set forth in claim 1 further comprising a base piece on
2 the business accessory facing the flap, the base piece defining a perimeter seam with re-
3 spect to a surrounding surface of the business accessory and each elastic strip being
4 joined between the surrounding surface and the base piece at the perimeter seam.

1 11. (Previously Presented) A folio having a pair of covers joined by a spine compris-
2 ing:

3 a pocket on an exterior surface of one of the covers, the pocket having a base
4 seam joined to the exterior surface, a pair of side edges unjoined to the exterior surface
5 wherein each of the side edges are tapered between a wider length at the base edge and a
6 narrower length at the front edge, and a front edge adapted to receive documents there-
7 through; and

8 a pair of opposing elastic strips each attached to one of the side edges, respec-
9 tively, near the front edge and secured to the exterior surface, the elastic strips each hav-
10 ing a width that is shorter than a length of each of the side edges so as to reveal an open
11 portion of the side edges between the base edge and each of the elastic strips and generat-
12 ing tension and being constructed and arranged to maintain a holding friction against the

13 documents, and the front edge and pair of side edges being unattached to the exterior
14 cover except by the pair of elastic strips wherein at least one of the side edges has a re-
15 cessed shape that reveals the documents within the pockets in an area between the base
16 edge and the elastic strip.

1 12. (Cancelled)

1 13. (Previously Presented) The folio as set forth in claim 11 wherein the elastic strips
2 each comprise an elastic webbing.

1 14. (Original) The folio as set forth in claim 11 wherein each of the elastic strips has
2 a width in a direction taken between the base edge and the front edge of less than one half
3 a length of each of the side edges taken between the base edge and the front edge.

1 15. (Original) The folio as set forth in claim 14 wherein the side edges taper from a
2 wider dimension at the base edge to a narrower dimension at the front edge.

1 16. (Cancelled)

1 17. (Original) The folio as set forth in claim 11 further comprising a base piece on
2 the exterior surface facing the flap, the base piece defining a perimeter seam with respect
3 to a surrounding surface of the exterior surface and each of the elastic strips being joined
4 between the surrounding surface and the base piece at the perimeter seam.

1 Please add new claims 18 *et al.*

1 18. (New) A padfolio having an exterior pocket along an exterior cover comprising:

2 the padfolio having a pair of opposing covers joined together by a spine on one
3 edge, and a zipper closure on three other edges of the opposing covers to hold documents
4 within;

5 the exterior pocket is located on one of the opposing covers, wherein the pocket is
6 formed by a flap joined along a base edge, where the base edge is joined adjacent to the
7 spine;

8 the flap configured with a front edge adapted to receive documents, and two side
9 edges, each side edge has a recessed shape that reveals the documents within; and

10 a pair of elastic strips connected between each side edge near the front edge and a
11 location on the cover, the elastic strips generating tension and being constructed and ar-
12 ranged to maintain a holding friction against the documents, and the front edge and the
13 two side edges being unattached to the cover except by the pair of elastic strips.

1 19. (New) The padfolio of claim 18, further comprising:

2 the recessed shape further defined for partially showing one or more pieces of pa-
3 per within.

1 20. (New) The padfolio of claim 18, further comprising:

2 a base piece on the exterior of one cover and facing the flap, where the base piece
3 joins the spine and defines an area that is a roughly rectangular shape, approximately
4 equal to a piece of paper.